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Recoveries of subsidies advanced under well subsidy schemes.

* 59 *Q.*—Sri V. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the subsidies granted for wells are recovered in instalments or in lump sums at a time;

(*b*) whether there has been any representation from Krishna district that the time of recovery of grants of 1949 be extended to March 1953; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Subsidies advanced under the well subsidy schemes are recovered summarily (in a lump) with interest in cases in which either the wells were not completed by the last date prescribed under the schemes or where any breach of the conditions of the grant has occurred. However, in the case of wells under the New Well Subsidy Scheme 1947–48 the subsidies are recovered in instalments in respect of incomplete wells where it has been proved that substantial work had been done. Similar provision exists in respect of 1948–49 scheme also but not in the case of any of the later schemes. Proposals for extending this rule to the later schemes are also under consideration by the Government.

" (*b*) Yes. Representations were received by the Collector. He has reported to the Board of Revenue that he has ordered postponement of collection of subsidies in the taluks of Nandigama, Tiruvur and Nuzvid where conditions are stated to be unfavourable.

" (*c*) The Collector's proposals are under consideration by Government."

11 a.m. Dr. K. B. MENON:—" Sir, in view of the alleged abuse or misuse of the subsidies granted under the well scheme will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of conducting an enquiry at least departmentally and make the information available? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Yes, Sir. I will go into the aspect of the question put by the hon. Member."

Sri A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR:—" Sir, இதுவரையிலும் வெட்டி இருர்கக்கூடிய கிணறுகளில் த்ண்ணீர் இல்லாத காரணத்தாலும், பஞ்சம் பீடிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற காரணத்தாலும் கடன் கொடுத்திருபபதை சர்க்கார் திருப்பி வாங்காமல் இருக்குமா அல்லது தவணைகளைத் தள்ளிப் போட்டு வாங்கிக்கொள்ளுவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Yes, that is being considered in every district on representations made."

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SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" సబ్సిడీ స్కీముక్రింద యివ్వవలసిన మొత్తములకుగాను యింకా అనేక తాలూకాలలో యివ్వనందున, యింకా ఎంత త్వరలో వసూలు జరుగుతుందో ప్రభుత్వమువారు చెప్పగలరా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have no idea, Sir. I will look into it."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" ఈ కట్టవలసిన మొత్తాలను ప్రభుత్వమువారు నిర్ణయించిన తేదీలోగా కట్టకపోయినయెడల, ప్రభుత్వమువారు అధికముగా యేమైన penalties విధిస్తున్నారా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir. As far as I know, only interest is collected."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" రాయలసీమలో గత మూడు సంవత్సరములనుంచి కరువు ఉంటూ, ఈ సంవత్సరముకూడా కరువు ఉన్నది కాబట్టి, రైతులు సబ్సిడీ బాకీలు త్రిప్పించి కట్టటానికి 1954 వ సంవత్సర ఆఖరు వరకు, అనుమతిస్తారా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, we cannot indiscriminately postpone in all cases. In deserving cases, of course, action is taken to postpone collection.'

JANAB KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, will the Government consider the desirabiliy of extending the concessions to the Malabar district?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think it is raining cats and dogs in Malabar."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" கேணிகள் வெட்டுவதற்காகக் கொடுக்கப் படுகிற தொகையில் எவ்வளவு பகுதி உண்மையில் கேணிகள் வெட்டுகிறவர் களிடம் போய்ச் சேருகிறதென்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லு வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think the questioner can answer it better."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in spite of the representations made by the agriculturists of Chingleput district that rains have failed and that the wells have not yielded enough water, even then the Revenue department officials are forcing the agriculturists to pay back the subsidies?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Failure of rains and the attempt to collect the subsidies have no connexion with each other."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" பஞ்சத்தால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் தண்ணீர் காண்பதற்காக இப்பொழுது மிகவும் அதிக ஆழமாகக் கிணறுகள் வெட்ட வேண்டியிருப்பதால், அங்கேயுள்ள மக்கள் அதிகமாகப் பணம் செலவழித்து ஆழமாக கிணறுகளை வெட்ட வேண்டி இருப்பதால் அரசாங்கம் அவர்களுக்கு இன்னும் அதிகமாக கிணறுகள் வெட்ட மானியம் கொடுக்குமா ?"

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I do not know whether it is allowed under the present rules. If any specific representation is made, the Government will examine that."

SRI KANDASAMI GOUNDER:—" கிணறுகளை மராமத்து செய்வதற்காக தக்காவி கடன் கொடுப்பார்களா வென்று ரெவின்யூ மந்திரி அவர்களை நான் கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" கொடுத்துக் கொண்டுதான் இருக்கிறார்கள்."

SRI S. JAYARAMA REDDIAR :—" கிணறுகள் வெட்ட மானியம் கொடுக்கும்பொழுது இத்தனை அடி ஆழம் தண்ணீர் கிணற்றில் இருக்க வேண்டுமென்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். கால நிலை சரியில்லாததினால் குறிப்பிட்ட அளவு ஆழம் கிணற்றில் தண்ணீர் இருப்பதில்லை. அப்படிப்பட்ட சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் மானியமாக வாங்கிய பணத்தை திருப்பித் தந்துவிடவேண்டுமென்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். அதனால் விவசாயிகளுக்கு ரொம்பவும் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. அப்படிப்பட்ட சந்தர்ப்பங்களில் கொடுத்த மானியத்தை திருப்பிக் கேட்காதிருக்க ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா என்று மந்திரியை நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I am glad the hon. Member paraphrased the question of the hon. Member from Chingleput. I think that is a matter for consideration."

SRI S. RAMASWAMI NAIDU:—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of waiving the recovery if the well has been dug to the requisite depth as demanded by the rules? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" If the well is dug to the required depth, then no problem will arise."

Retrenchment in the Anamalais Plantation.

* 60 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received a representation from the Anamalais Plantation Workers' Union protesting against the retrenchment of workers in the Government Cinchona Plantations?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Yes, Sir. The petition has been referred to the Director, Cinchona department, whose reply is awaited."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" When was the petition received, Sir? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" I do not have the information with me here. As soon as the report is received I will place it before the House."